

such an irresponsible document. Of course it's theoretically possible that the current House majority could propose a budget resolution mapping a path back to balanced budgets. But no. Substantial numbers of the Democrats here think we should be spending more, not less.

With Members in the majority party pulling in opposite directions, the majority leadership appears to have given up on finding the votes necessary to pass an official budget whether big spending or responsible. This is a failure of mammoth proportions.

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DISASTER RECOVERY IN THE GULF

(Mr. SCALISE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I spent this last Friday on Grand Isle, South Louisiana, which is at the epicenter right now of this battle against the oil which is coming into our marsh. The anger and frustration I heard from official after official on the ground was that they are spending more time fighting the Federal Government and BP than they are fighting the oil. This is unacceptable.

It still goes on day after day, 57 days in, and the President continues to refuse to lead on this crisis. He has let BP be the gatekeeper for our local officials who have plans to protect our marsh. Yet they now have to go through BP instead of having the President have a real command structure that holds people accountable.

The latest plan by the President is to actually have this ban on offshore drilling that actually punishes everybody—people who haven't done anything wrong and who have much safer records than BP. Now, over 40,000 people are going to be put out of work by the President's arbitrary ban, which actually goes against the recommendations of his own scientific panel. So now he is placing politics in front of science.

When is the President going to meet his obligations under the law to lead and to be responsible for the disaster recovery with BP's paying the bill instead of allowing BP to call the shots on the ground?

WHERE IS THE BUDGET?

(Mr. MARCHANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, for some time now, my colleagues have come to the floor to ask the question: Where are the jobs? Now, in addition to asking that question, I am also asking: Where is the budget?

With our national debt standing at over \$13 trillion, we must enact a plan to curb wasteful and reckless spending. Although Democrats in this House

have not undertaken the hard work of compiling a budget plan, House Republicans have.

Under the Republican plan, we reduce the 10-year deficit by \$3.3 trillion. The Democrats have no plan to do this.

Under the Republican plan, we borrow 3.6 trillion fewer dollars than the administration does. Congressional Democrats have no plan.

Under the Republican plan, we spend \$4.8 trillion less than the President's bloated budget. Once again, congressional Democrats have no plan.

I call on the majority today to produce a budget so that we can have a debate on improving our fiscal condition.

DAY 57 OF THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

(Mr. PUTNAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 57th day of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. It is estimated that up to 40,000 barrels of oil may be flowing into the Gulf of Mexico each and every day.

At this point, it is nearly impossible to even calculate the impact this spill will have on Florida's economy as well as on the other Gulf States. Oystermen, charter captains, restaurants, and hoteliers are already suffering, along with those who depend on them. The gulf fishing industry alone supports 200,000 jobs.

It is important to note that Florida remains open for business. Our beaches and restaurants continue to welcome guests from throughout the Nation and from around the world, but we must eliminate the bureaucracy that is causing delays in this recovery, from sideline volunteers to unused skimmers, to ensure that Florida's economy and vital tourism remain vibrant.

Tonight, the President will address the Nation. After 2 months of delayed promises, failures, and finger-pointing, it is time for leadership. It is time for action that addresses this crisis.

STOP THE LEAK AND PASS A BUDGET

(Mr. TURNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, today is the 57th day of one of the largest oil disasters in history. Today is also the 166th day this year that this Congress has failed to produce a budget.

Each day, oil continues to flow into the gulf, increasing the catastrophic damage. Also each day, this Congress continues to produce red ink, damaging the American economy. The administration was caught flatfooted, repeatedly underestimating the severity of the oil leak and slowly allocating critical Federal resources to the gulf.

While red ink is flowing out of Washington and while oil is flowing into the gulf, this administration has no plan, and this Congress has no budget. How are we going to stop the oil leak, and how are we going to stop the red ink?

Just as the President has no plan, this Congress has no budget. For the first time since 1974, when the Budget Act was enacted, this House has failed to pass a budget resolution. This is a catastrophic disaster.

Mr. President, stop the leak.

Mr. Speaker, pass a budget.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

(Mr. RYAN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I think it's time for a little bit of a history lesson.

Before President Obama even got into office, that first January, we were losing almost 800,000 jobs a month; the stock market was at 6,000, and the Republican policies had all been implemented on energy, on health care, on budget, on foreign policy, with tax cuts for the wealthiest, with borrowing the money, and with running our country and our economy off the cliff.

We are turning the country around. We now have positive job growth. The stock market went up to 11,000 and now up past 10,000. 401(k)s are returning. Jobs are coming back. We do not need to go backwards with the Republican economic policies that drove us off the cliff in the first place.

I ask my friends on the other side, Mr. Speaker:

What are you going to tell the police officers, the firefighters, and the teachers who will get laid off if this country doesn't step up to bat and reinvest back in America? What are you going to tell them? What are you going to tell them?

We have enough money for the wealthiest to get tax breaks, but we don't have enough money for police, for firefighters, and for road projects in the United States.

Good luck.

REFORMING THE EARMARK PROCESS

(Mr. LAMBORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my Democrat colleagues: Where is the budget?

House Democrats haven't passed a budget for next year, something that hasn't happened in the modern era. This shows that they plan to spend without any restraint or accountability. If they can't budget, can they really govern?

However, one thing we can and must do is control runaway spending by reforming the earmark process. I have agreed to ban all earmarks for 1 year